

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1- 4 and 7, cancel claims 5, 6, and 8-32, and add new claims 33 and 34 as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus comprising:
~~a plurality of pixels each including a photoelectric conversion means for converting portion which converts~~ an optical signal from an object into an electrical signal and ~~a read means for reading portion which reads~~ out the signal from said photoelectric conversion means ~~portion to an output line;~~
~~difference means for performing difference processing on a noise component contained in the signal read by said read means;~~
~~a drive control portion which controls a first mode for reading out from said read portion a pixel noise signal which is obtained by resetting an input portion of said read portion, and a second mode for reading out from said read portion an image signal which includes a signal generated by said photoelectric conversion portion;~~
~~a correction portion which subjects the image signal read out from said read portion, to correction processing which uses the pixel noise signal;~~
~~a detection means for detecting an image pickup portion which detects an object condition; and~~
~~correction means for performing correction of execution of difference processing in accordance with an output from said detection means~~
~~a switching portion which switches over the correction processing~~

of said correction portion in accordance with an output of said detection portion.

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2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means portion detects that a signal level of [[a]] the image signal generated by said photoelectric conversion means is higher than a predetermined value.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means portion detects that a signal level of the pixel noise signal generated in each pixel is higher than a predetermined value.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said correction means controls said difference means not to perform difference operation switching portion effects switching-over in accordance with the output of said detection portion so as not to perform the correction processing.

5.- 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said correction means switching portion replaces a signal output from said difference means correction portion with a signal of a predetermined signal level in accordance with the output of said detection portion.

8.-32. (Cancelled)

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33. (New) An image pickup system comprising:

 said image pickup apparatus as defined in claim 1;

 a color correction portion which performs color correction on a signal output from said image pickup apparatus; and

 a control portion which controls said image pickup apparatus and said color correction portion.

34. (New) An image pickup system comprising:

 said image pickup apparatus defined in claim 1;

 an LED array for irradiating said image pickup apparatus with light; and

 an original feeding portion which feeds an original.
